

ARTICLE 01 - STANDARDS FOR INCORPORATION OF CITIES

3 AAC 110 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 AAC 110.005 COMMUNITY. An area proposed for incorporation as a city must encompass a community as defined in 3 AAC 110.990. (Eff. / / , Register)

Authority: AS 29.05.011	AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	
AS 44.33.828	AS 44.33.818	

3 AAC 110.010 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.010 NEED. (a) In accordance with AS 29.05.011, a community must demonstrate a reasonable need for city government. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors including

(1) existing or reasonably anticipated social or economic conditions[PROBLEMS];

(2) existing or reasonably anticipated health, safety, and general welfare conditions[PROBLEMS];

(3) existing or reasonably anticipated economic development; and

(4) adequacy of existing services.

(b) In accordance with AS 29.05.021, a community may not incorporate as a city if essential city services can be provided more efficiently or more effectively by annexation to an existing city, or can be provided more efficiently or more effectively by an existing organized borough on an areawide basis or non-areawide basis, or through an existing borough service area. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: AS 29.05.011	[AS 29.05.011]	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.020 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.020 RESOURCES. (a) In accordance with AS 29.05.011, the economy of a proposed city must include the human and financial resources necessary to allow[PROVIDE] essential city services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission shall consider (1) - (8) of this subsection and will, in its discretion, consider other relevant factors, including (9) - (11) of this subsection[THE]

(1) reasonably anticipated functions of the proposed city;

(2) reasonably anticipated expenses of the proposed city;

(3) reasonably anticipated income and ability of the proposed city to generate and collect local revenue and income;

(4) feasibility and plausibility of the anticipated operating and capital budgets[BUDGET] of the proposed city through its third full fiscal year of operation;

(5) economic base of the proposed city;

(6) property valuations for the proposed city;

(7) [LAND USE FOR THE PROPOSED CITY;]

[8] existing and reasonably anticipated industrial, commercial, and resource development for the proposed city;

(8) [9] personal income of residents of the proposed city;

(9) land use for the proposed city;

(10) need for and availability of employable skilled and unskilled persons to serve the proposed city; and

(11) reasonably predictable level of commitment and interest of the residents in sustaining a city. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.05.011 AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826

3 AAC 110.030 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.030 POPULATION. (a) In accordance with AS 29.05.011, the population of a proposed city must be sufficiently large and stable to support the proposed city government. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

- (1) total census enumeration;
- (2) durations of residency;
- (3) historical population patterns;
- (4) seasonal population changes; and
- (5) age distributions.

(b) To become a first class or home rule city, the territory proposed for incorporation must have a population of at least 400 permanent residents. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.05.011 AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 AAC 110.035 BEST INTERESTS OF STATE. In determining whether incorporation of a city is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.05.100(a),

the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including whether incorporation

- (1) promotes maximum local self-government;
- (2) promotes a minimum number of local government units;
- (3) will relieve the state government of the responsibility of providing local services; and

(4) is reasonably likely to expose the state government to unusual and substantial risks as the prospective successor to the city in the event of its dissolution. (Eff. / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.05.100 AS 44.33.812

12, Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.040 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.040 BOUNDARIES. (a) In accordance with AS 29.05.011, the boundaries of a proposed city must include all land and water necessary to allow for[PROVIDE] the full development of essential city services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

- (1) land use and ownership patterns;
- (2) population density;
- (3) existing and reasonably anticipated transportation patterns and facilities;
- (4) natural geographical features and environmental factors; and
- (5) extraterritorial powers of cities.

(b) The boundaries of the proposed city must include only that territory comprising a present local community, plus reasonably predictable growth, development, and public safety needs during the 10 years following the effective date of incorporation[OF THAT CITY].

(c) The boundaries of the proposed city must not include entire geographical regions or large unpopulated areas, except when such boundaries are justified by the application of the standards in 3 AAC 110.005[3 AAC 110.010] - 3 AAC 110.040.

(d) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory proposed for incorporation that is non-contiguous or that contains enclaves does not include all land and water necessary to allow for the full development of essential city services on an efficient, cost-effective level.

(e) If a petition for incorporation of a proposed city describes boundaries overlapping the boundaries of an existing organized borough[, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY,] or city, the petition for incorporation must also address and comply with all standards and procedures for either annexation of the new city to

the existing borough, or detachment of the overlapping region from the existing borough[, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY,] or city. The commission will consider and treat such an incorporation petition as also being either an annexation petition to the existing borough, or a detachment petition from the existing borough[, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY,] or city. (Eff. 7/3/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.05.011 AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

ARTICLE 02 - STANDARDS FOR INCORPORATION OF BOROUGH

3 AAC 110.045 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.045 COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS. (a) The social, cultural, and economic characteristics and activities of the people in a proposed borough must be interrelated and integrated. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including:

(1) the compatibility of urban and rural areas within the proposed borough;
(2) the compatibility of economic lifestyles, and industrial or commercial activities;

(3) the existence throughout the proposed borough of customary and simple transportation and communication patterns; and

(4) the extent and accommodation of spoken language differences throughout the proposed borough.

(b) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will presume that a sufficient level of interrelationship cannot exist unless there are at least two communities in the proposed borough.

(c) The communications media and the land, water, and air transportation facilities throughout the proposed borough must allow for the level of communications and exchange necessary to develop an integrated borough government. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

- (1) transportation schedules and costs;
- (2) geographical and climatic impediments;
- (3) telephonic and teleconferencing facilities; and
- (4) public electronic media.

(d) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will presume that communications and exchange patterns are insufficient unless all communities within a proposed borough are either connected to the seat of the proposed borough by a public roadway, regular scheduled airline flights on at least a weekly basis, regular ferry service on at least a weekly basis, a charter flight service based in the proposed borough, or

sufficient electronic media communications. (Eff. 10/12/91, Register 120; am / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.05.031 AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.050 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.050 POPULATION. (a) The population of a proposed borough must be sufficiently large and stable to support the proposed borough government. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

- (1) total census enumerations;
- (2) durations of residency;
- (3) historical population patterns;
- (4) seasonal population changes; and
- (5) age distributions.

(b) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will presume that the population is not large enough and stable enough to support the proposed borough government unless at least 1,000 permanent residents live in the proposed borough. (Eff. 10/12/91, Register 120; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.05.031 AS 29.06.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12].

AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.055 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.055 RESOURCES. The economy of a proposed borough must include the human and financial resources necessary to allow[PROVIDE] essential borough services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission shall consider (1) - (9) of this subsection and will, in its discretion, consider other relevant factors, including (10) - (11) of this subsection

- (1) the reasonably anticipated functions of the proposed borough;
- (2) the reasonably anticipated expenses of the proposed borough;
- (3) the reasonably anticipated income of the proposed borough, and its ability to collect revenue;
- (4) the feasibility and plausibility of the anticipated operating and capital budgets[BUDGET] through the third full fiscal year of operation;
- (5) the economic base of the proposed borough;

- (6) property valuations;
- (7) land use;
- (8) existing and reasonably anticipated industrial, commercial, and resource development;
- (9) personal income of residents;
- (10) the need for and availability of employable skilled and unskilled people; and
- (11) the reasonably predictable level of commitment and interest of the population in sustaining a borough government[MUNICIPAL CORPORATION]. (Eff. 10/12/91, Register 120; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.05.031 AS 29.05.100
12, Ak Const. [ALASKA
 CONST., ART. X, SEC.
 12]

AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.060 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.060 BOUNDARIES. (a) The boundaries of a proposed borough must conform generally to natural geography, and must include all land and water necessary to allow for[PROVIDE] the full development of essential borough services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

- (1) land use and ownership patterns;
- (2) ethnicity and cultures;
- (3) population density patterns;
- (4) existing and reasonably anticipated transportation patterns and facilities;
- (5) natural geographical features and environmental factors; and
- (6) extraterritorial powers of boroughs.

(b) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will not approve a proposed borough with boundaries extending beyond the model borough boundaries adopted by the commission.

(c) The proposed borough boundaries must conform to existing regional educational attendance area boundaries unless the commission determines, after consultation with the commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development, that a territory of different size is better suited to the public interest in a full balance of the standards for incorporation of a borough.

(d) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory proposed for incorporation that is non-contiguous or that contains enclaves does not include all land and water necessary to allow for the full development of essential borough services on an efficient, cost-effective level.

(e) If a petition for incorporation of a proposed borough describes boundaries overlapping the boundaries of an existing organized borough[OR

UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY], the petition for incorporation must also address and comply with all standards and procedures for detachment of the overlapping region from the existing organized borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]. The commission will consider and treat such an incorporation petition as also being a detachment petition. (Eff. 10/12/91, Register 120; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.05.031 AS 29.05.100
12, Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 AAC 110.065 BEST INTERESTS OF STATE. In determining whether incorporation of a borough is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.05.100(a), the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including whether incorporation

(1) promotes maximum local self-government;
(2) promotes a minimum number of local government units;
(3) will relieve the state government of the responsibility of providing local services; and

(4) is reasonably likely to expose the state government to unusual and substantial risks as the prospective successor to the borough in the event of its dissolution. (Eff. / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec.	AS 29.05.100	AS 44.33.812
12, Ak Const.		
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

ARTICLE 03 - STANDARDS FOR ANNEXATION TO CITIES

3 AAC 110.090 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.090 NEEDS OF THE TERRITORY. (a) The territory must exhibit a reasonable need for [A]city government. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) existing or reasonably anticipated social or economic conditions, including the extent to which residential and commercial growth of the community has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur beyond the existing boundaries of the city[PROBLEMS];

(2) existing or reasonably anticipated health, safety, and general welfare conditions[PROBLEMS];

(3) existing or reasonably anticipated economic development;

(4) adequacy of existing services; [AND]

(5) extraterritorial powers of the city to which the territory is proposed to be annexed and extraterritorial powers of nearby municipalities; and[ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES.]

(6) whether residents or property owners within the territory receive, or may be reasonably expected to receive, directly or indirectly, the benefit of services and facilities provided by the annexing city.

(b) Territory[A TERRITORY] may not be annexed to a city if essential city services can be provided more efficiently and more effectively by another existing city or by an organized borough on an areawide basis or non-areawide basis, or through an existing borough service area. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.100 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.100 CHARACTER.

The territory must be compatible in character with the annexing city. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including the

- (1) land use and subdivision platting;
- (2) salability of land for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes;
- (3) population density;
- (4) cause of recent population changes; and
- (5) suitability of the territory for reasonably anticipated community

purposes. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.110 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.110 RESOURCES. The economy within the proposed boundaries of the city must include the human and financial resources necessary to allow[PROVIDE] essential city services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including the

- (1) reasonably anticipated functions of the city in the territory being annexed;

(2) reasonably anticipated new expenses of the city that would result from annexation;

(3) actual income and the reasonably anticipated ability to collect local revenue and income from the territory;

(4) feasibility and plausibility of those aspects of the city's anticipated operating and capital budgets that would be affected by annexation[BUDGET OF THE CITY] through the third full fiscal year of operation after annexation;

(5) economic base of the territory after annexation;

(6) property valuations in the territory proposed for annexation;

(7) land use in the territory proposed for annexation;

(8) existing and reasonably anticipated industrial, commercial, and resource development;

(9) personal income of residents in the territory and in the city; and

(10) need for and availability of employable skilled and unskilled people.

(Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040

AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.120 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.120 POPULATION. The population within the proposed boundaries of the city must be sufficiently large and stable to support the extension of city government. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) total census enumeration;

(2) duration of residency;

(3) historical population patterns;

(4) seasonal population changes; and

(5) age distributions. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040

AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.130 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.130 BOUNDARIES. (a) The proposed boundaries of the city must include all land and water necessary to allow for[PROVIDE] the full development of essential city services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

- (1) land use and ownership patterns;
 - (2) population density;
 - (3) existing and reasonably anticipated transportation patterns and facilities;
 - (4) natural geographical features and environmental factors; and
 - (5) extraterritorial powers of cities.
- (b) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory that is not contiguous to the annexing city, or that would create enclaves in the annexing city, does not include all land and water necessary to allow for the full development of essential city services on an efficient, cost-effective level[DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMAL STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR ANNEXATION].
- (c) The proposed boundaries of the city must include only that area comprising an existing local community, plus reasonably predictable growth, development, and public safety needs during the 10 years following the effective date of annexation[OF THAT CITY].
- (d) The proposed boundaries of the city must not include entire geographical regions or large unpopulated areas, except when boundaries are justified by the application of the standards in 3 AAC 110.090 - 3 AAC 110.130.
- (e) If a petition for annexation to a city describes boundaries overlapping the boundaries of an existing organized borough,[UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY OR CITY,] the petition for annexation must also address and comply with the standards and procedures for either annexation of the enlarged city to the existing organized borough, or detachment of the enlarged city from the existing organized borough. If a petition for annexation to a city describes boundaries overlapping the boundaries of another existing city, the petition for annexation must also address and comply with the standards and procedures for detachment of territory from a city, merger of cities, or consolidation of cities[OVERLAPPING REGION FROM THE EXISTING ORGANIZED BOROUGH, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY. THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER AND TREAT THE ANNEXATION PETITION TO THE EXISTING ORGANIZED BOROUGH, OR A DETACHMENT PETITION FROM THE EXISTING ORGANIZED BOROUGH, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)
- Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]
AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 AAC 110.135 BEST INTERESTS OF STATE. In determining whether annexation to a city is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.06.040(a),

the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including whether annexation

- (1) promotes maximum local self-government;
- (2) promotes a minimum number of local government units; and
- (3) will relieve the state government of the responsibility of providing local services. (Eff. / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
12, Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12].

AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.140 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.140 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW. Territory that meets all of the annexation standards specified in 3 AAC 110.090 - 3 AAC 110.130 may be annexed to a city by the legislative review process if the commission also determines that any one of the following circumstances exists[ANNEXATION WILL SERVE THE BALANCED BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE, THE TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED, AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AFFECTED BY THE ANNEXATION. IN THIS REGARD, THE COMMISSION WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION, CONSIDER RELEVANT FACTORS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE]

- (1) the territory is an enclave surrounded by the annexing city;
- (2) the health, safety, or general welfare of city residents is or will be endangered by conditions existing or potentially developing in the territory, and annexation will enable the city to regulate or control the detrimental effects of those conditions;
- (3) the extension of city services or facilities into the territory is necessary to enable the city to provide adequate services to city residents, and it is impossible or impractical for the city to extend the facilities or services unless the territory is within the boundaries of the city;
- (4) residents or property owners within the territory receive, or may be reasonably expected to receive, directly or indirectly, the benefit of city government without commensurate tax contributions, whether these city benefits are rendered or received inside or outside the territory, and no practical or equitable alternative method is available to offset the cost of providing these benefits;
- (5) annexation of the territory will enable the city to plan and control reasonably anticipated growth or development in the territory that otherwise may adversely impact the city;
- (6) annexation of the territory will promote local self-government with a minimum number of governmental units; [TERRITORY IS SO SPARSELY INHABITED, OR SO EXTENSIVELY INHABITED BY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT LANDOWNERS, THAT A LOCAL ELECTION WOULD NOT

ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE LANDOWNERS.]

(7) annexation of the territory will enhance the extent to which the existing city meets the standards for incorporation of a city; or

(8) the commission determines that other reasons exist for annexation of the territory by the legislative review process.

(Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812

12, Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110 150 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.150 LOCAL ACTION. Territory contiguous to the annexing city, that meets the annexation standards specified in 3 AAC 110.090 - 3 AAC 110.130 and has been approved for local action annexation by the commission, may be annexed to a city by the following action

(1) city ordinance if the territory is wholly owned by the annexing city;

(2) city ordinance and a petition signed by all of the voters and property owners of the territory; [OR]

(3) approval by a majority of voters residing in the territory voting on the question at an election;

(4) approval by a majority of the combined voters who vote on the question within the area proposed for annexation and the annexing city; or

(5) approval by a majority of the voters who vote on the question within the annexing city if the territory is uninhabited. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818

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AS 44.33.828

ARTICLE 04 - STANDARDS FOR ANNEXATION TO BOROUGHs [OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITIES]

3 AAC 110.160 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.160 COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS. (a) The social, cultural, and economic characteristics and activities of the people in the territory must be interrelated and integrated with the characteristics and activities of the people in

the existing borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including the
(1) compatibility of urban and rural areas within the proposed borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] boundaries;

(2) compatibility of economic lifestyles and industrial or commercial activities within the proposed borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] boundaries;

(3) existence of customary and simple transportation and communication patterns throughout the proposed borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] boundaries; and

(4) extent and accommodation of spoken language differences throughout the proposed borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] boundaries.

(b) The communications media and the land, water, and air transportation facilities throughout the proposed borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] boundaries must allow for the level of communications and exchange necessary to develop an integrated borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] government. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) transportation schedules and costs;

(2) geographical and climatic impediments;

(3) telephonic and teleconferencing facilities; and

(4) electronic media for use by the public. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.170 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.170 POPULATION. The population of the proposed borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] after annexation must be sufficiently large and stable to support the resulting borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT]. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) total census enumerations;

(2) durations of residency;

(3) historical population patterns;

(4) seasonal population changes; and

(5) age distributions. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.828

AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.826

3 AAC 110.180 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.180 RESOURCES. The economy within the proposed borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] boundaries must include the human and financial resources necessary to provide essential borough[OR MUNICIPAL] services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including the

(1) reasonably anticipated functions of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(2) reasonably anticipated new expenses of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(3) actual income and the reasonably anticipated ability of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] to generate and collect local revenue and income from the new territory;

(4) feasibility and plausibility of those aspects of the borough's anticipated operating and capital budgets that would be affected by annexation[BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] through the third year of operation after annexation;

(5) economic base of the borough after annexation;

(6) property valuations in the territory proposed for annexation;

(7) land use in the territory proposed for annexation;

(8) existing and reasonably anticipated industrial, commercial, and resource development in the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(9) personal income of residents in the territory to be annexed and in the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]; and

(10) the need for and availability of employable skilled and unskilled people. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040

AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.828

AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.826

3 AAC 110.190 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.190 BOUNDARIES. (a) The proposed boundaries of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] must conform generally to natural geography, and must include all land and water necessary to allow for[PROVIDE] the full development of essential borough[OR MUNICIPAL] services on an efficient, cost-effective level. In this regard, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) land use and ownership patterns;

(2) ethnicity and cultures;
 (3) population density patterns;
 (4) existing and reasonably anticipated transportation patterns and facilities;
 (5) natural geographical features and environmental factors; and
 (6) extraterritorial powers of boroughs.

(b) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory that is not contiguous to the annexing borough, or that would create enclaves in the annexing borough, does not include all land and water necessary to allow for the full development of essential borough services on an efficient, cost-effective level[UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMAL STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR ANNEXATION].

(c) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission, in its discretion, will not approve annexation of territory to a borough[A PROPOSED BOROUGH OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY WITH BOUNDARIES] extending beyond the model borough boundaries adopted by the commission[AND IDENTIFIED IN THE 1992 INTERIM REPORT ON MODEL BOROUGH BOUNDARIES].

(d) The commission shall[WILL] consult with the Department of Education and Early Development in the process of balancing all standards for annexation to a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY].

(e) If a petition for borough annexation describes boundaries overlapping the boundaries of an existing organized borough, [UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY,]the petition for annexation must also address and comply with the standards and procedures for detachment of the overlapping region from the existing organized borough[, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY. THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER AND TREAT SUCH AN ANNEXATION PETITION AS ALSO BEING A DETACHMENT PETITION FROM THE EXISTING ORGANIZED BOROUGH, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
 CONST., ART. X, SEC.
 12]
 AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818
 AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826
 AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 AAC 110.195 BEST INTERESTS OF STATE. In determining whether annexation to a borough is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.06.040(a), the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including whether annexation

(1) promotes maximum local self-government;
 (2) promotes a minimum number of local government units; and

(3) will relieve the state government of the responsibility of providing local services. (Eff. / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040

AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.200 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.200 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW. Territory that meets the annexation standards specified in 3 AAC 110.160 - 3 AAC 110.190 may be annexed to a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] by the legislative review process if the commission also determines that any one of the following circumstances exist[ANNEXATION WILL SERVE THE BALANCED BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE, THE TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED, AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AFFECTED BY THE ANNEXATION. IN THIS REGARD, THE COMMISSION WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION, CONSIDER RELEVANT FACTORS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE]

(1) the territory manifests a reasonable need for borough[OR MUNICIPAL] government that can be met most efficiently and effectively by the annexing borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(2) the territory is an enclave surrounded by the annexing borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(3) health, safety, or general welfare of borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] residents is or will be endangered by conditions existing or potentially developing in the territory, and annexation will enable the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] to regulate or control the detrimental effect of those conditions;

(4) extension of borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] services or facilities into the territory is necessary to enable the borough to provide adequate services to borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] residents, and it is impossible or impractical for the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] to extend the facilities or services unless the territory is within the boundaries of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(5) residents or property owners within the territory receive, or may be reasonably expected to receive, directly or indirectly, the benefit of borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] government without commensurate tax contributions, whether these benefits are rendered or received inside or outside the territory, and no practical or equitable alternative method is available to offset the cost of providing these benefits;

(6) annexation of the territory will enable the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] to plan and control reasonably anticipated growth or development in the territory that otherwise may adversely impact the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]; [AND]

(7) annexation of the territory will promote local self-government with a minimum number of governmental units; [TERRITORY IS SO SPARSELY INHABITED, OR SO EXTENSIVELY INHABITED BY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT LANDOWNERS, THAT A LOCAL ELECTION WOULD NOT ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE LANDOWNERS.]

(8) annexation of the territory will enhance the extent to which the existing borough meets the standards for incorporation of a borough; or

(9) the commission determines that other reasons exist for annexation of the territory by the legislative review process. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
12, Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.210 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.210 LOCAL ACTION. Territory that meets the annexation standards specified in 3 AAC 110.160 - 3 AAC 110.190 and has been approved for local action annexation by the commission, may be annexed to a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] by the following action:

(1) borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] ordinance if the territory is wholly owned by the annexing borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(2) borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPAL] ordinance and a petition signed by all of the voters and property owners of the territory approving of the annexation;[OR]

(3) approval by a majority of voters residing in the territory voting on the question at an election;[HELD.]

(4) approval by a majority of the combined voters who vote on the question within the area proposed for annexation and the annexing borough; or

(5) approval by a majority of the voters who vote on the question within the annexing borough if the territory is uninhabited. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
12, Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828

ARTICLE 05 - STANDARDS FOR MERGER OF MUNICIPALITIES

3 AAC 110.220 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.220 STANDARDS. (a) Two or more municipalities may merge if, upon completion of the merger, the remaining municipality meets the standards for incorporation of cities specified in 3 AAC 110.005[3 AAC 110.010] - 3 AAC 110.040, or boroughs specified in 3 AAC 110.045 - 3 AAC 110.065[3 AAC 110.060].

(b) Separate proceedings are not required for dissolution of a municipality that is being merged with another municipality. ~~[THE DISSOLUTION]~~Dissolution occurs automatically at the time of[THE] merger. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec.</u>	AS 29.06.040	AS 44.33.812
<u>12, Ak Const. [ALASKA</u>		
<u>CONST., ART. X, SEC.</u>		
<u>12]</u>		
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.230 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.230 LOCAL OPTION. Municipalities that meet the merger standards required under 3 AAC 110.220, and are approved by the commission for local option merger, may merge if the petition for merger is submitted by the number of voters required under AS 29.06.100(a), and if a majority of the voters in the remaining municipality vote in favor of the merger in a subsequent election. The election shall[MUST] be held in accordance with AS 29.06.140. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec.</u>	AS 29.06.090	AS 44.33.812
<u>12, Ak Const. [ALASKA</u>		
<u>CONST., ART. X, SEC.</u>		
<u>12]</u>		
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

ARTICLE 06 - STANDARDS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF MUNICIPALITIES

3 AAC 110.240 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.240 STANDARDS. (a) Two or more municipalities may consolidate to form a new municipality if the new municipality meets the standards for incorporation of cities specified in 3 AAC 110.005[3 AAC 110.010] - 3 AAC 110.040, or boroughs specified in 3 AAC 110.045 – 3 AAC 110.065[3 AAC 110.060].

(b) Separate proceedings are not required for dissolution of the consolidating municipalities. Dissolution occurs[THE DISSOLUTIONS OCCUR] automatically at the time of[THE] consolidation. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.090 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]
AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.250 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.250 LOCAL OPTION. Municipalities that meet the consolidation standards required under 3 AAC 110.240, and are approved by the commission for local option consolidation, may consolidate if the petition for consolidation was submitted by the number of voters required under AS 29.06.100(a), and if a majority of the voters in the [REMAINING]proposed new municipality vote in favor of the consolidation in a subsequent election. The election shall[MUST] be held in accordance with AS 29.06.140. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]
AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828

ARTICLE 07 - STANDARDS FOR DETACHMENT FROM CITIES

3 AAC 110.260 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.260 BEST INTERESTS OF STATE. (a) In determining whether detachment from a city is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.06.040,[ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS 29.06, TERRITORY MAY BE DETACHED FROM A CITY IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE DETACHMENT WILL SERVE THE BALANCED BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE, THE TERRITORY TO BE DETACHED, AND THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AFFECTED BY THE DETACHMENT. IN THIS REGARD] the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) the health, safety and general welfare of the city and the territory after detachment;

(2) the ability of the city[OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY] to efficiently and effectively provide reasonably necessary facilities and services to the remnant city[TERRITORY] after detachment;

(3) the reasonably anticipated potential for, and impact of, future population growth or economic development that will require local government regulation in the territory after detachment;

(4) the historical pattern of providing to the territory municipal services that have been, or should be, supported by tax levies in the territory;

(5) the historical pattern of cooperation and shared commitment between the people of the city and the people of the territory;

(6) the extent to which detachment might enhance or diminish the ability of the remnant[REMAINING] city to meet the standards for incorporation required under AS 29.05 and 3 AAC 110.005[3 AAC 110.010] - 3 AAC 110.040;

(7) the extent to which a transition plan of a previous annexation has been implemented and is effective;

(8) the effect of the proposed detachment on the long-term stability of the finances of the remnant[REMAINING] city, other municipalities, and the state;

(9) whether the proposed detachment will promote local self-government with a minimum number of governmental units; and

(10) whether the territory's requirements for local government services will be adequately met following detachment.

(b) If, to fulfill the requirements of (a)(10) of this section, petitioners have proposed, or the commission requires, incorporation of the territory into a new municipality, the commission will, in its discretion, condition the approval of the detachment upon voter approval of the incorporation.

(c) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory proposed for detachment that would create non-contiguous parts of the city or enclaves within the city does not meet the standards for detachment.

(d) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory proposed for detachment from a city in an unorganized borough is a diminution of local self-government and does not meet the standards for detachment. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec.</u>	AS 29.06.040	AS 44.33.812
<u>12, Ak Const. [ALASKA</u>		
<u>CONST., ART. X, SEC.</u>		
<u>12]</u>		
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

ARTICLE 08 - STANDARDS FOR DETACHMENT FROM BOROUGH[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITIES]

3 AAC 110.270 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.270 STANDARDS. (a) In determining whether detachment from a borough is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.06.040,[ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS 29.06, TERRITORY MAY BE DETACHED FROM A BOROUGH OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE DETACHMENT WILL SERVE THE BALANCED BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE, THE TERRITORY TO BE DETACHED, AND THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AFFECTED BY THE

DETACHMENT. IN THIS REGARD] the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) the health, safety and general welfare of the remnant borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] and the territory after detachment;

(2) the ability of the remnant borough[UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY] to efficiently and effectively provide reasonably necessary facilities and services [TO THE TERRITORY]after detachment;

(3) the reasonably anticipated potential for, and impact of, future population growth or economic development that will require local government regulation in the territory after detachment;

(4) the historical pattern of providing to the territory municipal services that have been, or should be, supported by tax levies[IN THE TERRITORY];

(5) the historical pattern of cooperation and shared commitment between the people of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] and the people of the territory;

(6) the extent to which detachment might enhance or diminish the ability of the remnant[REMAINING] borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] to meet the standards for incorporation contained in the Alaska Constitution and AS 29.05 and 3 AAC 110.045 - 3 AAC 110.065[3 AAC 110.060];

(7) the extent to which a transition plan of a previous annexation has been implemented and is effective;

(8) the effect of the proposed detachment on the long-term stability of the finances of the remnant[REMAINING] borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY], other municipalities, and the state;

(9) whether the proposed detachment will promote local self-government with a minimum number of governmental units; and

(10) whether the territory's requirements for local government services will be adequately met following detachment.

(b) If, to fulfill the requirements of (a)(10) of this section, petitioners have proposed, or the commission requires, incorporation of the territory into a new municipality, the commission will, in its discretion, condition the approval of the detachment upon voter approval of the incorporation.

(c) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory proposed for detachment that would create non-contiguous parts of the borough or enclaves within the borough does not meet the standards for detachment.

(d) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will, in its discretion, presume that territory proposed for detachment from an organized borough to an unorganized borough is a diminution of local self-government and does not meet the standards for detachment. (Eff. 7/31/92,

Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. AS 29.06.040

AS 44.33.812

12, Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.828

AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.826

ARTICLE 09 - STANDARDS FOR DISSOLUTION OF CITIES

3 AAC 110.280 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.280 COMMISSION STANDARDS. (a) After filing a petition under AS 29.06.450(a)(1), a city may dissolve if the commission determines that

(1) dissolution of the city is in the best interests of the state;

(2) the city is free of debt or has satisfied every creditor with a method of repayment; and

(3) the city

(A) no longer meets the standards for incorporation established under AS 29.05 and 3 AAC 110.005[3 AAC 110.010] - 3 AAC 110.040; or

(B) has ceased to exercise each of its mandatory powers.

(b) The commission will, in its discretion, determine whether its decision favoring dissolution of a city will[SHOULD] be submitted for legislative review in accordance with art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska[ART. X, SEC. 12 OF THE ALASKA CONSTITUTION].

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in determining whether a city is free of debt or has satisfied every creditor with a method of repayment, the commission will require an audit identifying all assets and liabilities of the city. For the proposed dissolution of a home rule or first class city, and for the proposed dissolution of a second class city that has undergone an audit in each of the three years immediately preceding the petition for dissolution, the audit must be performed by an independent certified public accountant. For the proposed dissolution of a second class city that has not undergone an audit in each of the three years immediately preceding the petition for dissolution, the department will submit a written report identifying all assets and liabilities of that city. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)
Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.450 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.828

AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.826

3 AAC 110.290 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.290 LOCAL OPTION STANDARDS. (a) A city may be dissolved using the local option method identified in AS 29.06.450 (a)(2) if the voters of the city file a petition for dissolution under AS 29.06.460 and the commission determines that the city qualifies for dissolution under AS 29.06.470(a) or AS 29.06.470(b). The commission will deny or accept a petition in accordance with AS 29.06.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection in determining[, UNDER AS 29.06.470,] whether a city is free of debt or has satisfied every creditor with a method of repayment under AS 29.06.470, the commission will require an audit identifying all assets and liabilities of the city. For the proposed dissolution of a home rule or first class city, and for the proposed dissolution of a second class city that has undergone an audit in each of the three years immediately preceding the petition for dissolution, the audit must be performed by an independent certified public accountant. For the proposed dissolution of a second class city that has not undergone an audit in each of the three years immediately preceding the petition for dissolution, the department will submit a written report identifying all assets and liabilities of that city proposed for dissolution. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.450 AS 29.06.460

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.470	AS 29.06.500	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.300 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.300 BEST INTERESTS OF STATE. In determining[, UNDER AS 29.06.500(a) OR 3 AAC 110.280,] whether dissolution of a city is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.06.500(a) or 3 AAC 110.280, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) the extent to which the city is providing services, receiving revenue, and incurring debt;

(2) whether a government or organization other than the state is willing and able to provide all services and facilities necessary to meet the needs of the community;

(3) whether dissolution of the city is likely to endanger the health, safety, or general welfare of residents in or near the city proposed for dissolution;

(4) the effect that the proposed dissolution will have on the harmony of relations among residents of the city proposed for dissolution, and between the residents of the city and others residing near the city;

(5) the social and economic impacts of the proposed dissolution on other communities in the state;

(6) the effect of the proposed dissolution on the long-term stability of the finances of other municipalities and the state; and

(7) circumstances identified by the commission reflecting the legal standards and principles that guide commission action in furthering the development of local self-government with a minimum number of governmental units. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.450 AS 29.06.500

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.812

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

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AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

ARTICLE 10 - STANDARDS FOR DISSOLUTION OF BOROUGHs [OR
UNIFIED MUNICIPALITIES]

3 AAC 110.310 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.310 COMMISSION STANDARDS. (a) After filing a petition under AS 29.06.450(a)(1), a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] may dissolve if the commission determines that

(1) dissolution of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] is in the best interests of the state;

(2) the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] is free of debt or has satisfied every creditor with a method of repayment; and

(3) the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]

(A) no longer meets the standards for incorporation established under AS 29.05 and 3 AAC 110.045 - 3 AAC 110.065[3 AAC 110.060]; or

(B) has ceased to exercise each of its mandatory powers.

(b) The commission will, in its discretion, determine whether its decision favoring dissolution of a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] will[SHOULD] be submitted for legislative review in accordance with art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska [ART. X, SEC. 12 OF THE ALASKA CONSTITUTION].

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in determining whether a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] is free of debt or has satisfied every creditor with a method of repayment, the commission will require an audit to be performed by an independent certified accountant identifying all assets and liabilities of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.450

AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

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AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.320 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.320 LOCAL OPTION STANDARDS. (a) A borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] may be dissolved using the local option method identified in AS 29.06.450(a)(2) if the voters of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] file a petition for dissolution under AS 29.06.460 and the commission determines that the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]

qualifies for dissolution under AS 29.06.470(a) or AS 29.06.470(b). The commission will deny or accept a petition in accordance with AS 29.06.

(b) In determining[, UNDER AS 29.06.470,] whether a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] is free of debt or has satisfied every creditor with a method of repayment under AS 29.06.470, the commission will require an audit performed by an independent certified public accountant identifying all assets and liabilities of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.450 AS 29.06.460

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 29.06.470 AS 29.06.500 AS 44.33.812

AS 44.33.814 AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820 AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.330 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.330 BEST INTERESTS OF STATE. In determining[, UNDER AS 29.06.500(a) OR 3 AAC 110.280,] whether dissolution of a borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.06.500(a) or 3 AAC 110.310, the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) the extent to which the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] is providing services, receiving revenue, and incurring debt;

(2) whether a government or organization other than the state is willing and able to provide all services and facilities necessary to meet the needs of the community;

(3) whether dissolution of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] is likely to endanger the health, safety, or general welfare of residents in or near the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] proposed for dissolution;

(4) the effect that the proposed dissolution will have on the harmony of relations among residents of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] proposed for dissolution, and between the residents of the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY] and others residing near the borough[OR UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY];

(5) the social and economic impacts of the proposed dissolution on other communities in the state;

(6) the effect of the proposed dissolution on the long-term stability of the finances of other municipalities and the state; and

(7) circumstances identified by the commission reflecting the legal standards and principles that guide commission action in furthering the development of local self-government with a minimum number of governmental units. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.450 AS 29.06.500

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.812

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AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

ARTICLE 11 - STANDARDS FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF CITIES

3 AAC 110.340 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.340 APPLICATION OF INCORPORATION STANDARDS. In determining[, UNDER AS 29.04.040(a),] whether a city satisfies the incorporation standards for the class of city to which it is proposed to be reclassified under AS 29.04.040 (a), the commission will consider the applicable standards under AS 29.05.011, 29.05.021, and 3 AAC 110.005[3 AAC 110.010] - 3 AAC 110.040.

(Eff. 11/27/96, Register 140; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040

AS 44.33.812

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.350 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.350 BEST INTERESTS STANDARD FOR A PROPOSED SECOND CLASS CITY IN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH. (a) In determining[, UNDER AS 29.04.040(a),] whether reclassification of a home rule city or first class city to a second class city in the unorganized borough is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.04.040(a), the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including the

(1) reasonably anticipated fiscal impact to the state from the elimination of local contributions to the city school district under AS 14.17.410,[14.17.025, REDUCED SINGLE SITE SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING,] changes in the district cost factors under AS 14.17.460[AREA COST DIFFERENTIAL UNDER AS 14.17.051], changes in funding under PL 81-874, and other effects;

(2) reasonably anticipated impacts on education from combining the city school district and the regional educational attendance area;

(3) ability of the city to provide essential city services, meet its financial and contractual obligations, and otherwise function under the more limited authority of a second class city to levy a property tax;

(4) reasonably anticipated need for mandatory planning, platting, and land use regulation within the boundaries of the city;

(5) reasonably anticipated need for the city to exercise the power of eminent domain; and

(6) likelihood that reclassification may promote formation of an organized borough in the region.

(b) The commission shall[WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] consult with the commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development, the superintendent and school board of the city school district, and the superintendent, school board, and advisory school boards established under AS 14.08.115 of the regional educational attendance area in considering the factors in (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(c) The commission will, in its discretion, make a determination that reclassification is in the state's best interest, subject to legislative review in the manner provided by[ALASKA CONST.,] art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska. In such circumstances, legislative review of a reclassification proposal does not eliminate the requirement for voter approval of a reclassification proposal under AS 29.04.040.

(d) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will presume that it is not in the best interests of the state for a city to reclassify if reclassification will result in the transfer of the city's debt to the state for educational facilities. (Eff. 11/27/96, Register 140; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.360 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.360 BEST INTERESTS STANDARD FOR A PROPOSED FIRST CLASS CITY IN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH. (a) In determining[, UNDER AS 29.04.040(a),] whether reclassification of a second class city to a first class city in the unorganized borough is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.04.040(a), the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including

(1) the reasonably anticipated fiscal impact to the state from the imposition of local contributions to the city school district under AS 14.17.410,[14.17.025, INCREASED SINGLE SITE SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING,] changes in the district cost factors under AS 14.17.460[AREA COST DIFFERENTIAL UNDER AS 14.17.051], changes in funding under PL 81-874, and other effects;

(2) the reasonably anticipated impacts on education resulting from the creation of a new city school district;

(3) whether the requirements of AS 14.12.025, concerning the formation of new school districts, have been met;

(4) the need for the city to have greater authority to levy a property tax in order to provide essential city services;

(5) the need for mandatory planning, platting, and land use regulation within the boundaries of the city;

(6) the need for the city to exercise the power of eminent domain; and
(7) the likelihood that reclassification will diminish incentives or opportunities to form an organized borough.

(b) The commission shall[WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] consult with the commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development and the superintendent, school board, and advisory school boards established under AS 14.08.115 of the regional educational attendance area in considering the factors in (a)(1) - (a)(3) of this section.

(c) The commission will, in its discretion, make a determination that reclassification is in the state's best interest, subject to legislative review in the manner provided by[ALASKA CONST.,] art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska. In such circumstances, legislative review of a reclassification proposal does not eliminate the requirement for voter approval of a reclassification proposal under AS 29.04.040. (Eff. 11/27/96, Register 140; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec. 12,</u>	AS 29.04.040	AS 44.33.812
<u>Ak Const.</u> [ALASKA		
CONST., ART. X, SEC.		
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AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.370 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.370 BEST INTERESTS STANDARD FOR CITIES WITHIN AN ORGANIZED BOROUGH. (a) In determining[, UNDER AS 29.04.040 (a),] whether reclassification of a city within an organized borough is in the best interests of the state under AS 29.04.040(a), the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including the

- (1) fiscal impact to the state;
- (2) need for the city to have authority to levy a property tax, and at what rate, to provide essential city services; and
- (3) need for the city to exercise the power of eminent domain.

(b) The commission will, in its discretion, make a determination that reclassification is in the state's best interest, subject to legislative review in the manner provided by[ALASKA CONST.,] art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska. In such circumstances, legislative review of a reclassification proposal does not eliminate the requirement for voter approval of a reclassification proposal under AS 29.04.040. (Eff. 11/27/96, Register 140; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec. 12,</u>	AS 29.04.040	AS 44.33.812
<u>Ak Const.</u> [ALASKA		
CONST., ART. X, SEC.		
12]		
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826

ARTICLE 12 - PROCEDURES FOR PETITIONING

3 AAC 110.400 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.400 APPLICABILITY. Except as provided in 3 AAC 110.590, 3 AAC 110.410 - 3 AAC 110.660 apply to all petitions for city reclassification under AS 29.04, incorporation under AS 29.05, and[ALL] alterations to municipalities under AS 29.06. However, an annexation[A] petition filed under a local action[OR LOCAL OPTION] method[,] provided for in AS 29.06.040(c)(2) or (c)(3)[AS 29.06,] may[ONLY] need to comply only with certain sections of 3 AAC 110.410 - 3 AAC 110.660 as identified in 3 AAC 110.590. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040

AS 29.05.060

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC. 12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090	AS 29.06.100
AS 29.06.450	AS 29.06.460	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.410 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.410 PETITIONERS. (a) A petition for a proposed action by the commission under this chapter may be initiated by

- (1) the Alaska Legislature,
- (2) the commissioner,
- (3) the staff of the commission or a person designated by the commission,
- (4) a political subdivision of the state, regional educational attendance area, or coastal resource service area,

(5) at least 10 percent of the persons registered to vote in a political subdivision, regional educational attendance area, or coastal resource service area may petition for alterations of municipalities under AS 29.06,; THOSE REGISTERED VOTERS MUST BE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THAT SUBDIVISION;]

(6) at least 10 percent of the persons registered to vote in a territory proposed for annexation by election pursuant to AS 29.06.040(c)(1) or by legislative review pursuant to AS 44.33.812(b)(2),; OR DETACHMENT; THOSE REGISTERED VOTERS MUST BE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THAT TERRITORY; OR]

(7) at least 25 percent of the persons registered to vote in a territory proposed for detachment by election pursuant to AS 29.06.040(c)(1) or by legislative review pursuant to AS 44.33.812(b)(2), or

____(8) [(7)]the number of qualified voters required under AS 29.04.040 for reclassification of cities, AS 29.05.060 for municipal incorporation, and AS 29.06 for a local option or local action petition.

(b) If a statute requires a[THAT THE] petition to be signed by a percentage of voters from one or more cities within a borough, and also by a percentage of voters in that borough, all voters who sign the petition as borough voters must reside outside any city or cities joining that petition. The number of borough voters required to sign the petition must be based on the number of registered voters or the number of votes cast in the area of the borough outside any city or cities joining the petition.

(c) The provisions of (a)(8) of this section may[SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS OF (a)(5) – (7) OF THIS SECTION SHALL] not be construed to apply to petition procedures established by the commission pursuant to AS 44.33.812(a)(2) or to the petition procedures established by the commission pursuant AS 29.06.040(c) for annexation and detachment, AS 29.06.090(b)(1) for merger and consolidation, and AS 29.06.450(a)(1) for dissolution[A PETITION SUBMITTED BY A PETITIONER UNDER THE DISCRETIONARY PETITION PROCESS OF THE COMMISSION].

(d) The staff of the commission or a person designated by the commission may initiate a petition after the commission has determined that the action proposed will likely promote the standards established under the Alaska Constitution, AS 29.04, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, or[AND] this chapter, and the commission has directed the staff or designated person to prepare a petition by a motion approved by a majority of the appointed membership of the commission.

(e) The[PERSON OR] entity or group initiating a petition under (a) of this section is[DESIGNATED AS] the petitioner. A petition[, EXCEPT THAT A PETITION INITIATED BY QUALIFIED VOTERS] must include a designation of one person as representative of the petitioner[ALL PETITIONERS]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.060
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090	AS 29.06.100
AS 29.06.450	AS 29.06.460	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.420 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.420 PETITION. (a) A proposal for one or more actions by the commission under this chapter is initiated by filing a petition and[A] supporting materials[BRIEF] with the department.

(b) A petition must be filed on forms[A FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AND] provided by the department. The petition must be

accompanied by all exhibits required by the department. The petitioner shall provide the department with a copy of the petition and supporting materials in a digital format approved by the department, unless the department waives this requirement because such would impose a hardship on the petitioner.

(c) The petition must include a supporting brief that provides a detailed explanation of how the proposal satisfies all[A SUPPORTING BRIEF MUST ADDRESS] relevant constitutional, statutory, and regulatory standards applicable to the proposed action[, AND INCLUDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE STANDARDS APPLY TO THE PROPOSED ACTION]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040

AS 29.05.060

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC. 12]

AS 29.06.040

AS 29.06.090

AS 29.06.100

AS 29.06.450

AS 29.06.460

AS 44.33.812

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 AAC 110.425 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW ANNEXATION PETITIONS.

(a) Before a petition for annexation by the legislative review process may be submitted to the department under 3 AAC 110.420, the prospective petitioner shall prepare a complete draft of the annexation petition and a summary of the draft; the prospective petitioner shall also conduct a public hearing on the annexation proposal.

(b) The draft petition required under (a) of this section shall be prepared using forms provided by the department under 3 AAC 110.420. The summary required under (a) of this section shall include a map of the territory proposed for annexation, synopsis of the views of the prospective petitioner regarding the application of applicable annexation standards to the proposed annexation, summary of the reasonably anticipated effects of annexation, and an abstract of the transition plan required under 3 AAC 110.900.

(c) The draft petition and summary shall be made available to the public on or before the first publication or posting of the notice of the hearing required under (e) of this section. The prospective petitioners shall make one copy of the draft petition available for public review at one or more convenient locations in or near the territory proposed for annexation for every 500 individuals reasonably estimated to reside in the territory proposed for annexation; except that the petitioner shall not be required to provide more than 5 copies of the petition for public review regardless of the population of the territory proposed for annexation. The summary of the annexation proposal shall be made available by the prospective petitioner for distribution to the public without charge at one or more convenient locations in or near the territory proposed for annexation.

(d) The hearing required under (a) of this section shall address appropriate annexation standards and their application to the annexation proposal, legislative review annexation procedures, the reasonably anticipated effects of the proposed annexation, and the proposed transition plan required under 3 AAC 110.900. The hearing shall be held at a convenient location in or near the territory proposed for annexation. The hearing shall allow a period for comment on the proposal from members of the public. If the prospective petitioner is a municipal government, the governing body shall conduct the hearing.

(e) Public notice of the hearing required under (a) of this section shall be given by the prospective petitioner in the manner provided for a hearing of the Local Boundary Commission under 3 AAC 110.550. The department shall specify the wording of the public notice of the hearing. Evidence of compliance with the public notice requirements for the hearing, a written summary or transcript of the hearing, and an audio recording of the hearing shall be provided to the department when the petition is filed with the department.

(f) The chairperson of the commission will, in the chairperson's discretion, waive any or all of the requirements under (a)-(e) of this section if the territory proposed for annexation is uninhabited or sparsely inhabited, and if the chairperson determines that persons or entities within or proximate to the territory proposed for annexation have had adequate opportunity to be informed about the scope, benefits, and detriments of the proposed annexation. (Eff. / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 44.33.812
Ak Const.

3 AAC 110.430 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.430 CONSOLIDATION OF PETITIONS. If two or more petitions pending action by the commission affect all or some[CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY OR ANY] portion of the same territory, the chairperson of the commission will, in the chairperson's discretion, consolidate the informational session,[DEPARTMENT, REPORT, COMMISSION, MEETING, HEARING,] briefing schedule, department reports, commission hearing, decisional meeting, or other procedure under this chapter for one or more of those petitions. The commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant information from concurrent or conflicting petitions during the process of rendering its decision on any one petition. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.060

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090	AS 29.06.100
AS 29.06.450	AS 29.06.470	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.440 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.440 TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PETITION. (a) The department shall review the petition and supporting materials[, EXHIBITS, AND BRIEF] to determine whether they include a plausible budget, complete and proper transition plan, and other required information. When[THE REQUIRED INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND, WHEN] applicable, the department shall also determine whether the petition contains the legally required number of valid signatures. The technical review of the petition shall be completed by the department within 45 days of the receipt of the petition, except that the chairperson of the commission, for good cause, may grant the department additional time to complete its technical review.

(b) The petitioner is primarily responsible for supplying all supplemental information and documents reasonably necessary for the technical review process, including information identifying who is registered to vote, who resides in a territory, and the number of persons who voted in the territory during the last election.

(c) If the department determines that the petition or supporting materials are[BRIEF IS] deficient in form or content, it shall consult with the chairperson of the commission. With the concurrence of the commission chairperson, the department shall return the defective petition or supporting materials[BRIEF WILL BE RETURNED] to the petitioner for correction or completion. The department, with the concurrence of the commission chairperson, shall determine whether the deficiencies in the petition are significant enough to require new authorization for the filing of the corrected or completed petition. The technical review of any corrections or materials needed to complete the petition shall be concluded by the department within 30 days of the receipt of such materials, except that the chairperson of the commission, for good cause, may grant the department additional time to complete its technical review of the supplemental materials. If the department determines that the petition and brief are in substantial compliance with applicable provisions of AS 29.04, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, and this chapter, the petitioner will be notified that the petition and brief have been accepted for filing and the department will file the petition.

(d) A determination by the department under (c) of this section that a petition is deficient in form and content or that new authorization will be required for the filing of a corrected or completed petition may be appealed by the petitioner to the commission. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.070

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.110	AS 29.06.480
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.450 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.450 NOTICE OF PETITION. (a) No later than 45 days after receipt of the department's written notice of acceptance of the petition for filing, the petitioner shall

(1) publish[A] public notice of the filing of the petition in a display ad format of no less than six inches long by two columns wide at least once each week for three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation designated by the department; if the department determines that there is no newspaper of general circulation in the territory that is published at least once a week, the department will require the petitioner to provide notice through other means designed to reach the public in lieu of publishing the notice in the manner outlined in this subsection THAT ARE PRINTED IN A DISPLAY AD FORMAT OF NO LESS THAN SIX INCHES LONG AND TWO COLUMNS WIDE];

(2) post public[A] notice of the filing of the petition in at least three[PUBLIC AND] prominent locations in or near[WITHIN] the territory proposed for change and other locations designated by the department that remain posted through the deadline set by the commission chairperson for the filing of responsive briefs:[FOR AT LEAST 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS; AND]

(3) hand-deliver or mail, postage prepaid, public notice of the filing of the petition[A COPY OF THE NOTICE PROPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION], correctly addressed to the municipalities having jurisdictional boundaries within an area extending up to 20 miles beyond the boundaries of the territory proposed for change, and to other persons and entities designated by the department; and

(4) submit a request for a public service announcement of the filing of the petition to at least one radio or television station serving the area of the proposed change and request that it be announced for the following 14 days.

(b) The department will specify the wording of the public notices and public service announcement required in (a) of this section. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040

AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC. 12]

AS 29.06.040

AS 29.06.130

AS 29.06.500

AS 44.33.812

AS 44.33.814

AS 44.33.816

AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.460 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.460 SERVICE OF PETITION. (a) No later than 25 days after receipt of the department's notice of acceptance of the petition for filing, the petitioner shall hand-deliver or mail, postage prepaid, one complete set of petition documents to every municipality within an area extending 20 miles

beyond the boundaries of the territory proposed for change, and to other persons and entities designated by the department. Copies of the petition, including maps and other exhibits, must conform to the original in color, size, and other distinguishing characteristics.

(b) From the first date of publication of notice of the filing of the petition under 3 AAC 110.450(a)(1), through the last date on which the petition may be subject to action by the commission, including that which might result from proceedings ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction,[AVAILABLE FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL DECISION UNDER 3 AAC 110.580] the petitioner shall make a full set of petition documents, including public notices, responsive briefs,[AND] reply brief[BRIEFS], and department reports, available for review by the public at a central and convenient location such as a municipal office[CITY HALL] or public library. The petition documents must be available for review during normal working hours, and the petitioner shall accommodate specific requests for public review of the petition documents at reasonable times in the evening and on weekend days. All published and posted notices of filing of a petition must identify the specific location of the petition documents and the hours when the documents can be reviewed. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.130	AS 29.06.500
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.470 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.470 PROOF OF NOTICE AND SERVICE. No later than 50 days after receipt of the department's written notice of acceptance of the petition for filing, the petitioner shall deliver to the department five additional[SIX] complete sets of petition documents and[,] a sworn affidavit that the notice, posting, service, deposit, and publishing requirements of 3 AAC 110.450 - 3 AAC 110.460 have been satisfied. Copies of the petition, including maps and other exhibits, must[MAPS AND OTHER EXHIBITS SUBMITTED WITH COPIES OF THE PETITION SHALL] conform to the original in color, size, and other distinguishing characteristics. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.130	AS 29.06.500
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822

3 AAC 110.480 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.480 RESPONSIVE BRIEFS AND WRITTEN COMMENTS.

(a) Any interested person or entity with the capacity to sue or be sued may file with the department an original and five complete copies of a responsive brief containing facts and analyses favorable or adverse to the[ORIGINAL] petition. Copies of the responsive briefs, including maps and other exhibits, must conform to the original in color, size, and other distinguishing characteristics. The respondent shall provide the department with a copy of the responsive brief in a digital format approved by the department, unless the department waives this requirement because such would impose a hardship on the respondent.

(b) The responsive brief and any companion exhibits, must be filed with a sworn affidavit by the respondent that, to the best of the respondent's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the responsive brief and exhibits are founded in fact and are not submitted to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless expense in the cost of processing the petition.

(c) A responsive brief must be received by the department in a timely manner in accordance with 3 AAC 110.640. A responsive brief must be accompanied by a sworn affidavit of service of two copies of the brief on the petitioner by regular mail, postage prepaid, or by hand-delivery.

(d) Any interested person or entity may file with the department written comments supporting or opposing the petition. The correspondent shall provide a copy of the written comments to the petitioner by hand delivery or postage-prepaid mail on the same date the comments were submitted to the department. If the written comments, including attachments, exceed 20 pages or if they include colored materials or materials larger than 11-inches by 17-inches, the correspondent shall provide an additional five complete sets of the written comments to the department. Copies of the written comments, including attachments, must conform to the original in color, size, and other distinguishing characteristics. Written comments must be received by the department in a timely manner in accordance with 3 AAC 110.640. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.080
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.05.100	AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.110
AS 29.06.130	AS 29.06.480	AS 29.06.500
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.490 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.490 REPLY BRIEF. The petitioner may file an original and five copies of a single[ONE] reply brief in response to all responsive briefs and written comments filed timely under 3 AAC 110.480. The petitioner shall provide the department with a copy of the reply brief in a digital format approved by the department, unless the department waives this requirement because such would impose a hardship on the petitioner. The reply brief must be received by the department in a timely manner in compliance with 3 AAC 110.640. The reply brief must be accompanied by a sworn affidavit of service of the brief on all respondents by regular mail, postage prepaid, or by hand-delivery. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040

AS 29.05.080

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
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AS 29.05.100

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AS 44.33.818

AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.500 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.500 LIMITATIONS ON ADVOCACY. (a) Unless otherwise ordered by the chairperson of the commission, for good cause shown, no document, letter, or brief will be accepted for filing and consideration by the department or the commission except in accordance with the procedures, timeframes, hearings, and meetings specified in 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660.

(b) A member of the commission is prohibited from ex parte contact and communication with any person except the staff of the commission, concerning a matter pending before the commission that has been filed as a petition, from the date the petition was first submitted to the department through the last date on which the petition may be subject to action by the commission, including that which might result from proceedings ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction[AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMISSION'S RECONSIDERATION]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040

AS 29.05.080

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.05.100

AS 29.06.040

AS 29.06.110

AS 29.06.130

AS 29.06.480

AS 29.06.500

AS 44.33.812

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AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822

AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.510 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.510 INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS. (a) If the department determines that persons or entities within or proximate to the area of the[AFFECTED BY A] proposed change have not had[AN] adequate opportunity to be informed about the scope, benefits, and detriments of the proposed change, the department will, in its discretion, require the petitioner to conduct informational sessions and to submit a recording, transcription, or summary of those sessions to the department.

(b) The department will not proceed with the processing of the petition until the petitioner has certified, by sworn affidavit, that the informational session requirements of this section have been met. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.080
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.05.100	AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.110
AS 29.06.130	AS 29.06.480	AS 29.06.500
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.520 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.520 DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC MEETINGS. (a) During its investigation and analysis of a petition for incorporation, the department will convene at least one public meeting in the territory proposed for incorporation. During its investigation and analysis of a petition for a change other than incorporation, the department will, in its discretion, convene at least one public meeting in or near the territory proposed for change.

(b) Notice of the date, time, and place of the public meeting under (a) of this section must be mailed, postage prepaid, to the petitioner and to all respondents at least 15 days before the public meeting[MEETINGS]. The notice will be published by the department at least once each week, for two consecutive weeks, immediately preceding the date of the meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation selected by the department to reach the people and entities within or proximate to the area of the proposed change[IN THE AFFECTED TERRITORY]. If the department determines that there is no newspaper of general circulation in the territory that is published at least once a week, the department will provide notice through other means designed to reach the public in lieu of publishing the notice in the manner outlined in this subsection. The petitioner shall post[THE SAME] notice of the meeting in at least three[PUBLIC AND] prominent locations readily accessible to the public in or near the territory proposed for change, and at the same location where the petition documents are available for review, for at least 14 days immediately preceding the date of the meeting. On or before the date of the public meeting, the petitioner shall submit to the department a sworn affidavit certifying that the posting requirements of this subsection have been met.

(c) Staff assigned to the commission will preside at the public meeting. Written materials submitted at the public meeting will, in the discretion of the presiding staff person, be accepted with due regard to prior public notice and opportunity to submit written briefs. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the petitioner and the respondents will not be permitted to submit further written materials at the meeting. The public meeting will be recorded[,] and summarized in the report with[AND] recommendations of the department[,] prepared under 3 AAC 110.530.

(d) The department will, in its discretion, postpone the time or relocate the place of the public meeting by conspicuously posting notice of the postponement or relocation at the original time and location of the public meeting, if the meeting is relocated within the same community or territory, and is rescheduled no more than 72 hours after the originally scheduled time. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.080

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090	AS 29.06.110
AS 29.06.480	AS 29.06.490	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.530 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.530 DEPARTMENTAL REPORT. (a) The department will investigate and analyze a petition filed with the department under this chapter, and will submit to the commission a written report of its findings and recommendations regarding the petition.

(b) The department will mail to the petitioner and respondents its preliminary report with[A PROPOSED DRAFT OF ITS REPORT AND] recommendations before submitting its final report with[AND] recommendations to the commission. Within 24 hours of receipt of the preliminary[DRAFT] report with[AND] recommendations, the petitioner shall place a copy of the report with the petition documents available for review.

(c) The petitioner, respondents, and other interested persons may submit, to the department, written comments pertaining directly to the preliminary[DRAFT] report with[AND] recommendations. The written comments must be received by the department in a timely manner in accordance with 3 AAC 110.640.

(d) The final written report with[AND] recommendations of the department will include due consideration of written comments addressing the preliminary[DRAFT] report with[AND] recommendations. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.080

Ak Const. [ALASKA

CONST., ART. X, SEC.

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AS 29.06.040

AS 29.06.110

AS 29.06.490

AS 44.33.812

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AS 44.33.826

AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.540 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.540 AMENDMENTS AND WITHDRAWAL. (a) A petition[PETITIONER] may be amended[AMEND] or withdrawn[WITHDRAW THE ORIGINAL PETITION] at any time before the first mailing, publishing, or posting of notice of the commission's hearing on the petition under 3 AAC 110.550. The original and five copies of the amendment or withdrawal must be filed with the department. The petitioner shall provide the department with a copy of the amended petition and supporting materials in a digital format approved by the department, unless the department waives this requirement because such would impose a hardship on the petitioner. If the original petition was initiated by voters[IF THE SIGNATURES OF VOTERS WERE REQUIRED BY AS 29.05 OR AS 29.06 IN THE ORIGINAL PETITION],

(1) the amended [AMENDING] petition must contain the dated signatures of the same number of voters[IN THE MANNER] required by AS 29.04, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, or this chapter for the original petition, and must include the dated signatures of at least a majority of the same voters who signed the original petition; and

(2) a statement withdrawing a petition must contain the dated signatures of at least 30 percent of the voters residing in the area of the proposed change, and must include at least a majority of the same voters who signed the original petition.

(b) A petitioner shall serve the amended[AMENDING] petition on each person and entity designated by the department, and by 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660 to receive the original petition, and on the respondents to the original petition. A petitioner shall place a copy of the amended[AMENDING] petition with the original petition documents, post the public notice of the amended[AMENDING] petition, and submit a sworn affidavit of service and notice in the same manner required for the original petition.

(c) The chairperson of the commission will, in the chairperson's discretion, determine whether the amendment is significant enough to warrant an informational session, opportunity for further responsive briefing, an additional public meeting by the department, or a repeat of any other step or process specified in 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660. Additional informational sessions, meetings, briefings, or other step or process will be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660 for the processing of the original petition, except that the timing may be shortened in the chairperson's discretion.

(d) A petitioner may not amend or withdraw the original petition after the first mailing, publishing, or posting of notice of the commission's hearing on the

petition, except upon a clear showing to the commission that the public interest of the state and of the persons and entities within or proximate to the area of[POPULATION AFFECTED BY] the proposed change is best served by allowing the proposed amendment or withdrawal.[A PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, MUST INCLUDE THE SAME SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN (A) OF THIS SECTION. UNLESS MODIFIED BY AN ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION, THE PROCEDURES OF 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660 FOR THE PROCESSING OF AN ORIGINAL PETITION APPLY TO AN AMENDING PETITION OR STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL.] (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)
 Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.060
Ak Const. [ALASKA
 CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090	AS 29.06.100
AS 29.06.450	AS 29.06.460	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.550 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.550 COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING. (a) The commission will convene one or more public hearings at convenient locations in or near the territory of the proposed change as required under AS 29.04, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, AS 44.33.810 - 44.33.828, and this chapter.

(b) Notice of the date, time, place, and subject of the hearing will be

(1) mailed, postage prepaid, by the department to the petitioner and to all respondents;

(2) published by the department at least three times, with the first date of publishing occurring at least 30 days before the date of the hearing, in a display ad format no less than three[SIX] inches long by two columns wide, in one or more newspapers of general circulation selected by the department to reach the people in the territory; if the department determines that there is no newspaper of general circulation in the territory that is published at least once a week, the department will provide notice through other means designed to reach the public in lieu of publishing the notice in the manner outlined in this subsection; and

(3) posted by the petitioner in at least three[PUBLIC AND] prominent locations readily accessible to the public in the area in which the hearing is to be held, and where the petition documents are available for review, for at least 21 days preceding the date of the hearing.

(c) The department will submit a request for a public service announcement of the hearing notice required under this section to at least one radio or television station serving the area of the proposed change and request that it be announced[AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE] during the 21 days preceding the date of the hearing.

(d) The commission will, in its discretion, postpone the time or relocate the place of the hearing by conspicuously posting notice of the postponement or relocation at the original time and location of the public hearing, if the hearing is relocated within the same community or territory and is rescheduled no more than 72 hours after the originally scheduled time.

(e) At least 14 days prior to the hearing, the petitioner and each respondent shall submit to the department a list of witnesses that each respective party intends to call to provide sworn testimony. The list must include the name and qualifications of each witness, the subjects about which each witness will testify, and the estimated time anticipated for the testimony of each witness. On the same date that the petitioner submits its witness list to the department, the petitioner shall provide a copy of its witness list to each respondent by hand delivery or postage prepaid mail. On the same date that a respondent submits its witness list to the department, the respondent shall provide a copy of its witness list to the petitioner and all other respondents by hand delivery or postage prepaid mail. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.090
Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.120	AS 29.06.490
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.560 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.560 COMMISSION HEARING PROCEDURES. (a) The chairperson of the commission will preside at the hearing, and will regulate the time and the content of testimony to exclude irrelevant or repetitious testimony. The hearing must be recorded and the recording[TAPES] preserved by the department. Two members of the commission constitute a quorum for purposes of a hearing under this section.

(b) A hearing will, in the commission's discretion, include

(1) a report with recommendations from the department;

(2) an opening statement by the petitioner, not to exceed 10 minutes[IN LENGTH];

(3) an opening statement by a respondent who filed a brief under 3 AAC 110.480, not to exceed 10 minutes[A PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT BY INTERESTED PERSONS, NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MINUTES FOR EACH PERSON];

(4) sworn testimony of witnesses with expertise in matters relevant to the proposed change called by the petitioner;

(5) sworn testimony of witnesses with expertise in matters relevant to the proposed change called by the respondent [RESPONDENTS];

(6) sworn responsive testimony of witnesses with expertise in matters relevant to the proposed change called by the petitioner;

(7) a period of public comment by interested persons, not to exceed three minutes for each person;

(8)[(7)] a closing statement by the petitioner, not to exceed 10 minutes [IN LENGTH];

(9)[(8)] a closing statement by the respondent[RESPONDENTS WHO TESTIFIED UNDER (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION], not to exceed 10 minutes[IN LENGTH FOR EACH RESPONDENT]; and

(10)[(9)] a reply by the petitioner, not to exceed five minutes[IN LENGTH].

(c) If there is more than one respondent, the commission chairperson will, at least 14 days prior to the hearing, establish time limits on the opening and closing statements for each respondent.

(d)[(C)] A member of the commission may question a person appearing for public comment or as a sworn witness. The commission will, in its discretion, call additional witnesses.

(e)[(D)] A brief or document may not be filed at the time of the public hearing unless the commission determines that good cause exists for that evidence not being presented in a timely manner for written response by the petitioner or respondents, and for consideration in the report with[AND] recommendations of the department.

(f)[(E)] The commission will, in its discretion, amend the order of proceedings and change allotted times for presentations if amendment of the agenda will promote efficiency without detracting from the commission's ability to make an informed decision. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.090

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 29.06.040

AS 29.06.120

AS 29.06.490

AS 44.33.812

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AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.570 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.570 DECISIONAL MEETING. (a) Within 90 days after the last commission hearing on a proposed change, the commission will convene a decisional meeting to examine the written briefs, exhibits, comments, and testimony, and to reach a decision regarding the proposed change. No new evidence, testimony, or briefing will be received during the decisional meeting, however, the chairperson may ask the department or[BY] some other person for a point of information or clarification.

(b) Three members of the commission constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a decisional meeting.

(c) If the commission determines that a proposed change should be altered to meet the standards contained[ESTABLISHED] in the Alaska

Constitution, AS 29.04, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, or this chapter, the commission will, in its discretion, alter the proposed change and accept the petition as altered. If the commission determines that a[PETITIONER MUST SATISFY A] certain requirement must be satisfied before the proposed change can take effect, the commission will include that precondition in its decision. A motion to amend, impose conditions, or approve a proposed change requires at least three votes by commission members to constitute approval.

(d) If the commission determines that a proposed change fails to meet the standards contained[ESTABLISHED] in the Alaska Constitution, AS 29.04, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, or this chapter, the commission shall[MUST] reject the proposed change. If a motion to grant a proposed change receives fewer than three votes by commission members, the proposed change is rejected[BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PRESENTLY APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP. IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT A PROPOSED CHANGE MEETS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED CONTAINED IN THE ALASKA CONSTITUTION, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, OR THIS CHAPTER, OR CAN BE ALTERED TO MEET THOSE STANDARDS, THE COMMISSION MUST ACCEPT THE PROPOSED OR ALTERED CHANGE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PRESENTLY APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP].

(e) The commission shall[MUST] keep written minutes of all decisional meetings. All votes taken by the commission must be entered in the minutes. The approved minutes are a public record.

(f) Within 30 days after the date of its decision, the commission will file as a public record a written statement explaining all major considerations leading to the decision. A copy of the statement will be mailed to the petitioner,[TO ALL] respondents, and[TO] other interested persons requesting a copy.

(g) A decision by the commission is final on the day that the written statement of decision is mailed, postage prepaid, to the petitioner and the respondents. The department will execute and file a sworn affidavit of mailing as a part of the public record of the proceedings. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.130	AS 29.06.500
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.580 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.580 RECONSIDERATION. (a) Within 20 days after a decision of the commission is final under 3 AAC 110.570(g), a person or entity may file an original and five copies of a request for reconsideration of that decision, describing in detail the facts and analyses that support the request for reconsideration[(1) A PERSON MAY FILE A REQUEST FOR

RECONSIDERATION OF THAT DECISION, DESCRIBING IN DETAIL THE FACTS AND ANALYSES THAT SUPPORT THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION; OR

(2) THE COMMISSION WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION, ORDER RECONSIDERATION OF ALL OR PART OF ITS DECISION ON ITS OWN MOTION].

(b) A person or entity filing a request for reconsideration shall provide the department with a copy of the request for reconsideration and supporting materials in a digital format approved by the department, unless the department waives this requirement because such would impose a hardship on the person or entity requesting reconsideration. A request for reconsideration must be accompanied by a sworn affidavit of service of the request for reconsideration on the petitioner and all respondents by regular mail, postage prepaid, or by hand-delivery. The affidavit must also state that the request for reconsideration was formed after reasonable inquiry, is founded in fact, and is not submitted to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless expense in the cost of processing the petition.

(c) If the request for reconsideration is filed by a group or organization, the request must identify a representative of the group or organization.

(d) The commission will, in its discretion, reconsider a decision if

(1) there was a substantial procedural error in the original proceeding;

(2) the original vote was based on fraud, misrepresentation, or material error of fact or law; or

(3) new evidence not available at the time of the hearing relating to a matter of significant public policy has become known.

(e) [B] If the commission has not acted[TAKEN NO ACTION] on a request for reconsideration within 30 days after the decision became final under 3 AAC 110.570(g), the request is automatically denied. If the commission grants a request for reconsideration within 30 days after the final decision under 3 AAC 110.570 (g), a petitioner or respondent supporting or opposing the reconsideration is allotted 10 days from the date the request for reconsideration is granted to file an original and five copies of a responsive brief describing in detail the facts and analyses that support or oppose the request for reconsideration. The petitioner or respondent shall provide the department with a copy of the responsive brief in a digital format approved by the department, unless the department waives this requirement because such would impose a hardship on the petitioner.

(f) The commission will, in its discretion, order reconsideration of all or part of its decision on its own motion as long as the proposed change at issue remains within the jurisdiction of the commission.

(g) Only the provisions of this section, not AS 44.62.540, govern reconsideration by the commission. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040

AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 29.06.040
AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.826

AS 29.06.130
AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.828

AS 29.06.500
AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.822

3 AAC 110.590 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.590 CERTAIN LOCAL ACTION ANNEXATIONS[LOCAL ACTION BOUNDARY CHANGES]. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if a petition is filed with the department under a local action[OR LOCAL OPTION] method provided for in AS 29.06.040(c)(2) or (3)[AS 29.06,] for[DISSOLUTION] annexation of adjacent municipally owned property or adjacent property by unanimous consent of voters and property owners[, DETACHMENT, MERGER, OR CONSOLIDATION,] only the following procedures specified in 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660 are required:

- (1) filing a petition under 3 AAC 110.420;
 - (2) technical review of the petition under 3 AAC 110.440;
 - (3) notice and service of the petition under 3 AAC 110.450 - 3 AAC 110.470;
 - (4) responsive briefs and comments under 3 AAC 110.480, except that the commission chairperson will, in the chairperson's discretion, limit the time allowed under 3 AAC 110.640 for the filing of responsive briefs and comments to 14 days from the date of first publication of the notice of filing of the petition;
 - (5) reply brief under 3 AAC 110.490, except that the commission chairperson will, in the chairperson's discretion, limit the time allowed under 3 AAC 110.640 for the filing of a reply brief to 7 days from the date that the petitioner received the responsive brief.
 - (6)[(4)] departmental report under 3 AAC 110.530, except that the department shall issue only one report concerning the local action annexation proposal at least 21 days prior to the public hearing under 3 AAC 110.550, interested persons may submit written comments to the department on its report up to 7 days prior to the public hearing;
 - (7)[(5)] commission's public hearing under 3 AAC 110.550, except that the hearing will, in the discretion of the commission, be conducted by teleconference;
 - (8)[(6)] decisional meeting under 3 AAC 110.570; and
 - (9) reconsideration under 3 AAC 110.580.
- (b) The commission will, in its discretion, expand local action[OR LOCAL OPTION] procedures to include other requirements of 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660, such as[ADDITIONAL NOTICE AND SERVICE,] briefing, informational sessions,[AND] public meetings and hearings, and reconsideration if the commission determines that the best interests of the state are enhanced by such[EXPANDED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION].
- (c) The chairperson of the commission will, in the chairperson's[ITS] discretion, relax, reduce, or eliminate the notice and service requirements of 3 AAC 110.450 - 3 AAC 110.470 if the chairperson[COMMISSION] determines

that a shortened or less expensive method of public notice is reasonably designed to reach all interested persons.

[(D) THE COMMISSION, IN ITS DISCRETION, WILL NOT REQUIRE THE COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING UNDER 3 AAC 110.550 , AND WILL MODIFY THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORT REQUIREMENT UNDER 3 AAC 110.530 , FOR A PETITION PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF ADJACENT MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY, OR FOR A PETITION PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF ADJACENT PROPERTY BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF VOTERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.]

(d)[(E)] If the commission determines that the balanced best interests of the locality and the state are enhanced by statewide participation, the commission will, in its discretion, convert a local action[OR LOCAL OPTION] petition to a legislative review petition. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.06.040 AS 29.06.090

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
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AS 29.06.450	AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.600 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.600 LOCAL ACTION/LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS. (a) In accordance with AS 29.04, AS 29.05, and AS 29.06, the commission will notify the director of elections of its acceptance of a local action or local option petition proposing city reclassification under AS 29.04, municipal incorporation under AS 29.05, and municipal dissolution, merger, or consolidation under AS 29.06. The director of elections will conduct and certify the elections in accordance with AS 15 and AS 29.04[AS 29.05] - AS 29.06.

(b) If AS 29.06 requires a municipal[LOCAL] election for a proposed annexation or detachment, the commission will notify the clerk of the[AFFECTED] municipality proposed for change of the commission's acceptance of a local option petition. The election must be administered by the[AFFECTED] municipality proposed for change at its own cost, and in the manner prescribed by its municipal election code, except that the commission will, in its discretion, specify the wording of the ballot measure and broaden the election notice requirements.

(c) Pursuant to AS 29.06.040(c) and AS 44.33.812(a)(2), the commission may approve a petition for annexation subject only to approval by a majority of the combined voters who vote on the question within the area proposed for annexation and the annexing municipality. If the territory proposed for annexation is uninhabited, the commission may approve a petition for annexation of that territory subject only to approval by a majority of the voters who vote on the question within the annexing municipality. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec. 12,</u>	<u>AS 29.04.040</u>	AS 29.05.110
<u>Ak Const. [ALASKA</u>		
<u>CONST., ART. X, SEC.</u>		
12]		
AS 29.05.120	AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.140
AS 29.06.510	AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.610 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.610 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW. (a) The commission may determine during the course of proceedings that a legislative review petition should be amended and considered as a local action or local option petition, if the commission determines that the balanced best interests of the locality and the state are enhanced by local participation.

(b) If[THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT] a decision of the commission[AS] requires legislative review, the commission will present a recommendation for the decision[THE PETITION] to the legislature during the first 10 days of a[THE NEXT] regular session in accordance with art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec. 12,</u>	<u>AS 29.06.040</u>	AS 29.06.090
<u>Ak Const. [ALASKA</u>		
<u>CONST., ART. X, SEC.</u>		
12]		
AS 29.06.450	AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.620 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.620 JUDICIAL REVIEW. A final decision of the commission made under AS 29.04, AS 29.05, AS 29.06, or this chapter may be appealed to the superior court in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62). (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: <u>Art. X, sec. 12,</u>	<u>AS 29.04.040</u>	AS 29.05.100
<u>Ak Const. [ALASKA</u>		
<u>CONST., ART. X, SEC.</u>		
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AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.130	AS 29.06.500
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.630 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.630 EFFECTIVE DATE AND CERTIFICATION. (a) Except as provided in (b) or (c) of this section, a final decision of the commission is effective when

(1) notification of compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1973c (Voting Rights Act of 1965) is received from the United States Department of Justice;

(2) certification of the legally required voter approval of the commission's final decision is received from the director of the division of elections or the appropriate municipal official; and

(3) 45 days have passed since presentation of the commission's final decision on a legislative review petition was made to the legislature and the legislature has not disapproved the decision.

(b) The effective date of a merger or consolidation is the date set by the director of the division of elections for the election of officials of the remaining or new municipality, if the provisions of (a) of this section have also been satisfied.

(c) The commission will, in its discretion, defer the effective date of a city reclassification under AS 29.04, municipal incorporation under AS 29.05, and municipal annexation, detachment, merger, consolidation, or dissolution under AS 29.06 for a period of no more than two years.

(d)[(C)] When the requirements in (a) of this section have been met, the department will issue a certificate describing the effective change. The department will hand-deliver or mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the certificate to the municipality that has been changed[ALL MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE], and will file a copy of the certificate in each recording district of all territory within the municipality that has been changed[AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.120

Ak Const. [ALASKA CONST., ART. X, SEC.

12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.140	AS 29.06.510
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

3 AAC 110.640 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.640 SCHEDULING. (a) The chairperson of the commission will set or amend the[ISSUE AN ORDER SETTING OR AMENDING A FORMAL] schedule for action on a petition.

(b) Except as provided by 3 AAC 110.590 for certain local action annexations, a[A] schedule under (a) of this section will allow at least

(1) 49 days from the date of initial publication or posting of notice of the filing of a petition, whichever occurs first, for receipt by the department of a responsive brief or written comments concerning the petition;

(2) 14 days from the date of service of a responsive brief on the petitioner for the receipt by the department of a reply brief from the petitioner;

(3) 28 days from the date of mailing of a departmental preliminary[DRAFT] report with[AND] recommendation to the petitioner for receipt of written summary comments to the department;

(4) 21 days between the date of mailing of a final report with[AND] recommendation by the department to the petitioner and the commission hearing on the petition.

(c) The commission will, in its discretion, postpone proceedings on a petition that has been accepted for filing to allow[FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING] concurrent consideration and action on another[EXISTING OR ANTICIPATED] petition that pertains[WILL PERTAIN] to some or all of the same territory and that has either been accepted for filing or is anticipated to be filed. The commission may postpone the proceedings for an anticipated[. A] competing petition only if the anticipated competing petition is[MUST BE] received by the department no later than 90 days after the date of the first publication[POSTING] of notice of the earlier petition under 3 AAC 110.450[3 AAC 110.410]. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.080

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.05.090	AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090
AS 29.06.110	AS 29.06.120	AS 29.06.480
AS 29.06.490	AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814
AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.650 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.650 RESUBMITTALS AND REVERSALS. Except upon a special showing to the commission of significantly changed conditions, a petition will not be accepted for filing that

(1) is substantially similar to a petition denied by the commission, rejected by the legislature, or rejected by the voters during the immediately preceding 24 months; or

(2) requests a substantial reversal of a decision of the commission that first became effective during the immediately preceding 24 months.

(Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090	AS 29.06.130
AS 29.06.450	AS 29.06.500	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.660 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.660 PURPOSE OF PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS;
RELAXATION OR SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL REGULATION.

3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660 are procedural regulations designed to facilitate the business of the commission, and are to[SHALL] be construed to secure the reasonable, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding. Unless a requirement is strictly provided for in the Alaska Constitution, AS 29, or AS 44.33.810 - 44.33.849, the commission will, in its discretion, relax or suspend a procedural regulation if the commission determines that a strict adherence to the regulation would work injustice, [OR] result in a substantially uninformed decision, or would not serve relevant constitutional principles and the broad public interest. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.100

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090	AS 29.06.450
AS 44.33.812	AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816
AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822
AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828	

ARTICLE 13 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 AAC 110.900 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.900 TRANSITION. (a) A petition for incorporation, annexation, merger, or consolidation must include a practical plan that[IN WHICH THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT] demonstrates the capacity of the municipal government[ITS INTENT AND CAPABILITY] to extend essential city or essential borough services into the territory proposed for change in the shortest practicable time after the effective date of the proposed change. A petition for city reclassification under AS 29.04, or municipal detachment or dissolution under AS 29.06, must include a practical plan demonstrating the transition or termination of municipal services in the shortest practicable time after city reclassification, detachment, or dissolution.

(b) All petitions[A PETITION FOR A PROPOSED ACTION BY THE COMMISSION] must include a practical plan for the assumption of all relevant and appropriate powers, duties, rights, and functions presently exercised by an existing borough, city, unorganized borough service area, and[OR] other appropriate entity located in the territory proposed for change. The plan must be prepared in consultation with the officials of each existing borough, city, and unorganized borough[OR] service area, and must be designed to effect an orderly, efficient, and economical transfer within the shortest practicable time, not to exceed two years after the effective date of the proposed change.

(c) All petitions[A PETITION FOR PROPOSED ACTION BY THE COMMISSION] must include a practical plan for the transfer and integration of all

relevant and appropriate assets and liabilities of an existing borough, city, unorganized borough service area, and other entity located in the territory proposed for change. The plan must be prepared in consultation with the officials of each existing borough, city, and unorganized borough[OR] service area wholly or partially included in the area proposed for[AFFECTED BY] the change, and must be designed to effect an orderly, efficient, and economical transfer within the shortest practicable time, not to exceed two years after the date of the proposed change. The plan must specifically address procedures that ensure that the transfer and integration occur[OCCURS] without loss of value in assets, loss of credit reputation, or a reduced bond rating for liabilities.

(d) Before approving a proposed change, the commission will, in its discretion, require that all[AFFECTED] boroughs, cities, unorganized borough service areas, or other entities wholly or partially within the area of the proposed change execute an agreement prescribed or approved by the commission for the assumption of powers, duties, rights, and functions, and for the transfer and integration of assets and liabilities. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 29.04.040 AS 29.05.130

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 29.05.140	AS 29.06.040	AS 29.06.090
AS 29.06.150	AS 29.06.160	AS 44.33.812
AS 44.33.814	AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818
AS 44.33.820	AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826
AS 44.33.828		

3 AAC 110.910 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.910 STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION. A petition will not be approved by the commission if the effect of the proposed change denies any person the enjoyment of any civil or political right, including voting rights, because of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 44.33.812 AS 44.33.814

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.816	AS 44.33.818	AS 44.33.820
AS 44.33.822	AS 44.33.826	AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.920 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.920 DETERMINATION OF COMMUNITY. (a) In determining whether a population comprises a community[OR SOCIAL UNIT], the commission will, in its discretion, consider relevant factors, including whether[THE PEOPLE]

(1) the settlement is inhabited by at least twenty-five individuals;

(2)[(1)] the inhabitants reside permanently in a close geographical proximity that allows frequent personal contacts and comprise[HAS] a population density that is characteristic of neighborhood living;

(3)[(2)] the inhabitants residing permanently at a location are a discrete and identifiable social unit[,] as indicated by such factors as school enrollment, number of sources of employment, voter registration, precinct boundaries, permanency of dwelling units, and the number of commercial establishments and other service centers.

(b) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will presume that a population does not constitute a community[OR SOCIAL UNIT] if

(1) public access to or the right to reside at[,] the location of the population is restricted;

(2) the population is[CONTIGUOUS OR CLOSELY] adjacent to a community[OR SOCIAL UNIT] and is dependent upon that community[OR SOCIAL UNIT] for its existence; or

(3) the location of the population is provided by an employer and is occupied as a condition of employment primarily by persons who do not consider the place to be their permanent residence. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 44.33.812 AS 44.33.814

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818 AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826 AS 44.33.828

3 AAC 110.990 is amended to read:

3 AAC 110.990 DEFINITIONS. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in this chapter

(1) "borough" means a general law borough, a home rule borough, or a unified municipality;

(2) "commission" means the Local Boundary Commission;

(3) "commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Community and Economic Development;

(4) a "community" is a social unit comprised of 25 or more permanent residents as determined under 3 AAC 110.920;

(5) "contiguous" means territories and properties that are adjacent, adjoining, and touching each other;

(6) "department" means the Department of Community and Economic Development;

(7) "essential borough services" means those mandatory and discretionary powers[ACTIVITIES] and facilities that are determined by the commission to be reasonably necessary to the territory and that cannot be provided more efficiently and more effectively either through some other agency

or political subdivision of the state, or by the creation or modification of some other political subdivision of the state; "essential borough services" may include

- (A) assessing and collecting taxes;
- (B) providing primary and secondary education;
- (C) planning, platting, and land use regulation; and
- (D) other services that the commission considers reasonably necessary to meet the borough governmental needs of the territory;

(8) "essential city services" means those mandatory and discretionary powers[LEGAL ACTIVITIES] and facilities that are determined by the commission to be reasonably necessary to the community and that cannot be provided more efficiently and more effectively either through some other agency or political subdivision of the state, or by the creation or modification of some other political subdivision of the state; "essential city services" may include

(A) levying taxes;

(B)[(A)] assessing,[LEVYING,] and collecting taxes for a city in an unorganized borough;

(C)[(B)] providing primary and secondary education in first class and home rule cities in an unorganized borough;

(D)[(C)] public safety protection;

(E)[(D)] planning, platting, and land use regulation; and

(F) other services that the commission considers reasonably necessary to meet the local governmental needs of the community;

(9) "mandatory power" means an authorized act, duty, or obligation required by law to be performed or fulfilled by a municipality in the course of its fiduciary obligations to citizens and taxpayers; "mandatory power" may include

(A) assessing, levying, and collecting taxes;

(B) providing education, public safety, public health, and sanitation services;

(C) planning, platting, and land use regulation;

(D) conducting elections; and

(E) other acts, duties, or obligations required by law to meet the local governmental needs of the community;

(10) "model borough boundaries" mean those boundaries adopted by the commission on file with the Local Boundary Commission Staff, Dept. of Community and Economic Development, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1770, Anchorage, AK 99501-3510.

(11)[(10)] "permanent resident[RESIDENCE]" means a person who has maintained a principal domicile in the territory proposed for change under this chapter for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of acceptance of a petition by the department, and who shows no intent to remove that principal domicile from the territory at any time during the pendency of a petition before the commission;

(12)[(11)] "political subdivision" means a boroughor[, UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY,] city[, REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE AREA, OR COASTAL RESOURCE SERVICE AREA] organized and operated under state law;

(13) [(12)] "property owner" means a legal person holding a vested fee simple interest in the surface[OR SUBSURFACE] estate of any real property including submerged lands; lienholders, mortgagees, deed of trust beneficiaries, remaindermen, lessees, and holders of unvested interests in land are not "property owners" for purposes of this chapter. (Eff. 7/31/92, Register 123; am / / , Register)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 12, AS 44.33.812 AS 44.33.814

Ak Const. [ALASKA
CONST., ART. X, SEC.
12]

AS 44.33.816 AS 44.33.818 AS 44.33.820

AS 44.33.822 AS 44.33.826 AS 44.33.828